IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with <u>underlining</u> and deleted text with <u>strikethrough</u>. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

1. (currently amended) A method for operating a communication system having a plurality of communication devices, a plurality of communication terminals and a communication network connecting the communication terminals to the communication devices, the method comprising:

storing a first address in each communication terminal for a connection to a respective home communication device;

storing a second address in each communication terminal for a connection to an alternate communication device;

storing a standardized terminal profile in at least two of the plurality of communication devices, one of the communication devices in which the standardized terminal profile is stored comprising the alternate communication device; and

adapting the standardized terminal profile to a particular communication terminal, such that the particular communication terminal, when accessing the alternate communication device via the second address, can connect to the alternate communication devicestoring at least one standard terminal profile in the alternate communication device that can be assigned to different terminals of the plurality of communication terminals; and

as a result of accessing the alternate communication device by a particular communication terminal via the second address, said alternate communication device assigns one standard terminal profile to said particular communication terminal, such that said particular communication terminal can initialize connections via said alternate communication device.

2. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein when initiating a connection between the particular communication terminal and the alternate communication device, terminal relevant data for the particular communication terminal is sent to the alternate

communication device, the terminal relevant data comprising:

a call number assigned by the home communication device to the particular communication terminal,

third address information assigned to the particular communication terminal in the communication network, and

asylum information to adapt the standardized terminal profile.

- 3. (original) The method according to claim 2, wherein the terminal relevant data is sent by the particular communication terminal.
- 4. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the standardized terminal profile manages a predetermined number of restricted call numbers that can be assigned to the communication terminals.
- 5. (previously presented) The method according to claim 4, wherein if the standardized terminal profile is adapted to the particular communication terminal, through the second address, a temporary call number is assigned to the particular communication terminal by the alternate communication device for a duration of the connection.
 - 6. (original) The method according to claim 5, wherein

for a connection initialized by the particular communication terminal, a home call number used for communication between the home communication device and the particular communication terminal is transmitted to the alternate communication device by the particular communication terminal, and

the home call number is used instead of the temporary allocated call number.

7. (original) The method according to claim 5, wherein

for a VIP subscriber assigned to a communication terminal, a call number of the alternate communication device is also assigned to the VIP subscriber for the duration of the connection.

8. (original) The method according to claim 5, wherein during a connection setup with the particular communication terminal, a call is diverted from the home communication device to the alternate communication device.

- 9. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the standardized terminal profile manages authorizations that can be assigned to a communication terminal.
- 10. (original) The method according to claim 9, wherein different authorizations can be assigned to different subscribers assigned to the communication terminal.
 - 11. (cancelled)
- 12. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the standardized terminal profile is stored in the alternate communication device together with terminal specific data.
- 13. (original) The method according to claim 3, wherein the standardized terminal profile manages a plurality of restricted call numbers that can be assigned to the communication terminals .
- 14. (previously presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein when the standardized terminal profile is adapted to the particular communication terminal, through the second address, a temporary call number is assigned to the particular communication terminal by the alternate communication device for a duration of the connection.
 - 15. (original) The method according to claim 14, wherein

for a connection initialized by the particular communication terminal, a home call number used for communication between the home communication device and the particular communication terminal is transmitted to the alternate communication device by the particular communication terminal, and

the home call number is used instead of the temporary allocated call number.

16. (original) The method according to claim 14, wherein

for a VIP subscriber assigned to a communication terminal, a call number of the alternate communication device is also assigned to the VIP subscriber for the duration of the connection.

- 17. (original) The method according to claim 16, wherein during a connection setup with the particular communication terminal, a call is diverted from the home communication device to the alternate communication device.
- 18. (original) The method according to claim 17, wherein the standardized terminal profile manages authorizations that can be assigned to a communication terminal.
- 19. (original) The method according to claim 18, wherein different authorizations can be assigned to different subscribers assigned to the communication terminal.
 - 20. (previously presented) A communication system, comprising:
 - a plurality of communication devices;
 - a plurality of communication terminals;
- a communication network connecting the communication terminals to the communication devices:
 - a memory device arranged in each of the communication terminals to store:
- a first address for a connection to a home communication device assigned to the communication terminal; and
- a second address for a connection to an alternate communication device; and at least one standardized terminal profile included in terminal-relevant data in the alternate communication device, the standard terminal profile being assignable to different communication terminals when accessing the alternate communication device via the second address.
 - 21. (previously presented) The communication system according to claim 20, wherein the communication network is an Internet Protocol-based computer network, and the communication terminals are Internet Protocol-enabled terminals.